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PARA 5 REFTEL STATES THAT, ACCORDING TO ALGERIAN PRESS, PROVISION IN A RECENTLY SIGNED SONATRACH CONTRACT WITH GAZ DE FRANCE FOR RENEGOTIATION OF PRICES IN EARLIER CONTRACTS HAS BEEN REJECTED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT. DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE NEW CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF 3.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS PER YEAR HAS BEEN REJECTED ENTIRELY OR IS IT ONLY THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT WHICH CALL FOR PRICE RENEGOTIATION ON EARLIER CONTRACTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REJECTED? WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION WHICH ADDRESSES CAN PROVIDE AS TO WHETHER NEW CONTRACT IS OR IS NOT IN EFFECT. SISCO

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